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School district faces investigation

Police investigate teacher, student relationship

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville R-II School District and Maryville Public Safety will move forward with investigations in to an alleged improper student-teacher relationship.

"We are doing the very best we can to conduct our investigation in a lawful manner," Superintendent Jay Reese said. "We will provide information that we have to other agencies as needed."

The issue at Maryville High School last Friday morning involved a female teacher being placed on administrative leave after an investigation by the school, alleging an inappropriate relationship

with a student.

Wood said the woman has not been arrested or taken into custody.

Wood said the information and evidence that Maryville Public Safety has gathered will at some point be reviewed by the prosecutor.

"We have been in communication with the prosecutor and officers and (we) are working with this very closely together," Wood said.

The school has taken all appropriate measures and that matter has now been reported to Maryville Public Safety for a full investigation. Based upon the school reporting that incident to public safety, they are seeking to make arrangements to meet with the alleged victim.

The alleged 17-year-old male victim has not yet filed a complaint in the matter.

"I can't even assure that there will be one," Wood said.

Contact and negotiations for a meeting are ongoing with his legal counsel. More information will be forthcoming as this investigation proceeds.

Wood said Public Safety will completely address these issues as is appropriate, either as internal school matters and/or criminal investigations.

Another incident occurred last Friday in the Maryville R-II School District at Eugene Field Elementary School. It began when administrators met with the office manager last Friday morning about personnel matter. As a result of that meeting, she was placed on administrative leave until the matter could be investigated more fully.

The principal transported her home with the intent to stay with her until a family

member could arrive. She entered the house and would not allow entry by the principal. It was after a family member arrived and forced entry to the house, that she was found dead, having taken her own life.

Because of the sudden death of a staff member and the shock to the other faculty and students, the school was placed on lock-down as a measure to better control that environment. At no time was the school in danger.

Additional information on that investigation will be provided if and when appropriate.

Reese said the school district was very pleased with the community support given to Eugene Field Elementary School from churches and counselors.

On Wednesday investigations began regarding the matters, which occurred on Jan. 16.

(Please see 'Teacher' page 5A)

Holden outlines budget

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Dick Wiles, Northwest's Government Consultant, is used to lobbying in Jefferson City.

And after Gov. Bob Holden gave his State of the State address Wednesday, he'll have to convince the general assembly to avoid any more cuts.

But good news came Wednesday morning as Northwest has been recommended \$29,167,319 for the 2005 fiscal year, the same level of appropriations it was given in the 2004 fiscal year.

"We have taken some pretty major cuts over the last few years," Wiles said. "I'm not saying we won't have any cuts, but right now it doesn't look like it will be big."

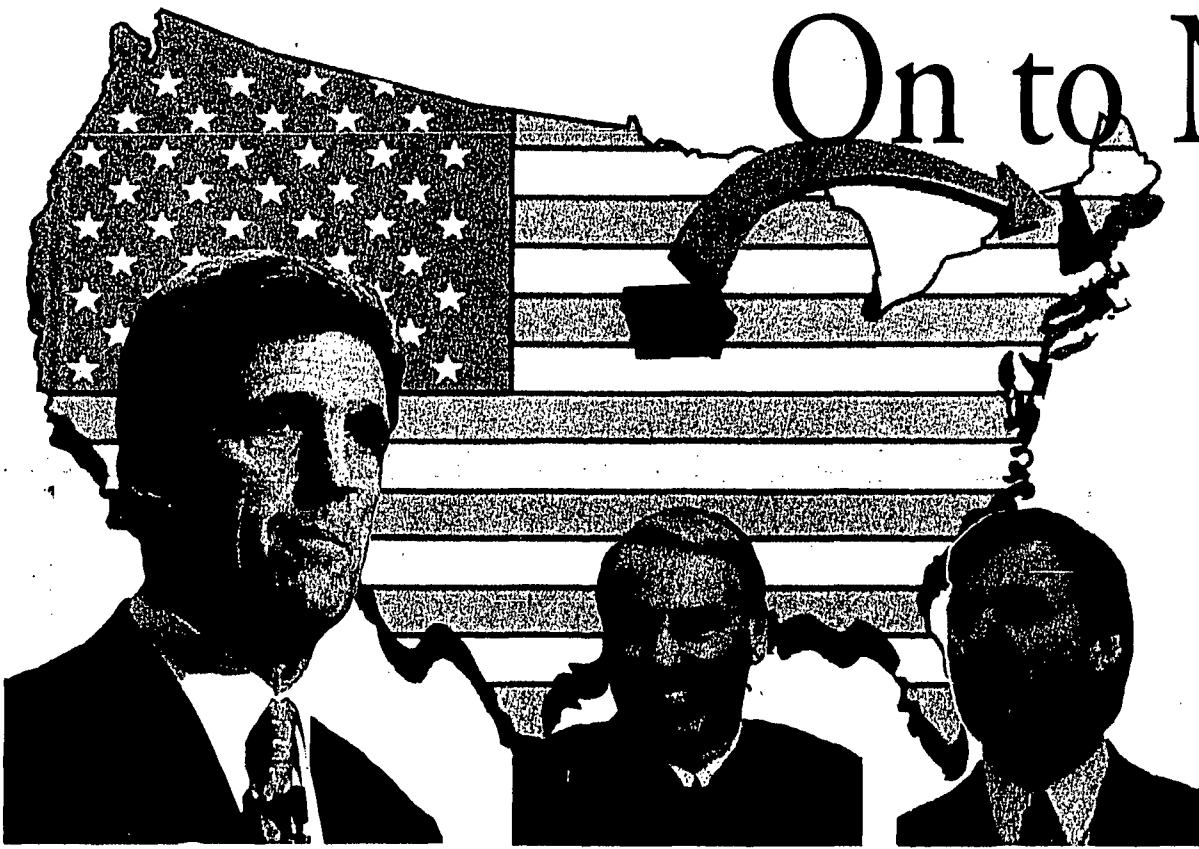
Cuts to Northwest's appropriation hinges on the proposed closure of corporate loopholes and tax increases on gaming, tobacco and other miscellaneous items. If those proposals are approved, Missouri's deficit will go from \$773 million to \$500 million. The remaining \$273 million will be made up in cuts to the state budget.

"We were hoping (Northwest's) budget would not be cut, so we're pleased," said Ray Courter, vice president of Finance. "But if those cuts are not enacted, they will end up with a deficit."

That's when Wiles comes into play.

Wiles, who is a Northwest alumnus, took over as the main consultant and lobbyist for the University after Tom Vansaghi resigned in December.

"Last year, due to all of Tom's duties, we worked for Northwest in the legislature," (Please see 'Holden' page 5A)



As Democratic candidates John Kerry, Howard Dean and John Edwards move on from the Iowa caucus to the New Hampshire primary, the outcome of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination is anyone's guess.

On to New Hampshire

Kerry prepares for a repeat victory

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Standing just outside the second floor ballroom of Hotel Fort Des Moines, Jim Rassman sipped a complimentary victory beer and smiled.

Seemingly oblivious to the screaming mobs of supporters and campaigners, throngs of reporters and occasional sightings of Al Franken or James Carville, the Florence, Ore. native revelled alone in the Iowa Caucus victory of his

good friend and Vietnam war buddy, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

Rassman deserves to be pleased. After all, the former Green Beret may have had an influence in Kerry's solid caucus win Monday by sharing the story of the day his former commanding officer saved his life nearly 35 years ago by pulling him out of a Vietnamese river under heavy gunfire. After recently being reunited with Kerry, a few rally speeches, Rassman said, are the least he fellow veterans can do for their old friend.

"On the bus ride back to Des Moines, we were talking about John and

the things we remember about him, and one of the guys said 'If he told us to load up the boat because we were driving to hell, we were gonna go that way,'" Rassman said. "For someone to say something like that and to feel that way, that's saying a lot."

The same undying loyalty from supporters—civilian or otherwise—is what may propel Kerry through New Hampshire on his race for the Democratic nomination.

Kerry's fellow frontrunners John Edwards and Howard Dean join him in remaining (Please see 'On' page 5A)

Local group to improve community

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but a local group shares a vision of how to enhance Maryville aesthetically.

The Maryville Revitalization Task Force was created to make the business district more appealing in hopes of attracting new businesses.

At 5:30 Thursday, the task force will hold a meeting at A&G Restaurant to discuss ideas on what citizens would like done to the community.

According to Mark Gregg, a task force member, the first phase of renovation will include the area around the courthouse and all buildings facing the square.

"The improvements will include whatever priorities are taken out of our meeting," Gregg said. "The priorities haven't been set, only the area of beautification has."

Task force member Aleta Hubbard has a vision of possible enhancements.

"I'd like to see the store

fronts improved visually," Hubbard said. "This could include items such as fresh paint, awnings or new windows. I'd also like to see hanging flower baskets."

Hubbard also had a nostalgic suggestion.

"We have a photo of what the street lamps used to look like," Hubbard said. "We could replace the current light poles to match."

According to Hubbard, the group ventured to Jefferson City in September to get ideas of possible improvements.

"We took a walking tour with the city manager," Hubbard said. "It was very inspiring to see what they had accomplished."

An upcoming event will serve as a catalyst for the project.

"We would like to have something significantly accomplished by Northwest Missouri State's Centennial celebration during the fall government grants, to provide businesses with money to make these changes."

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The Nodaway County square is undergoing a rehabilitation process thanks to the Maryville Revitalization Task Force.

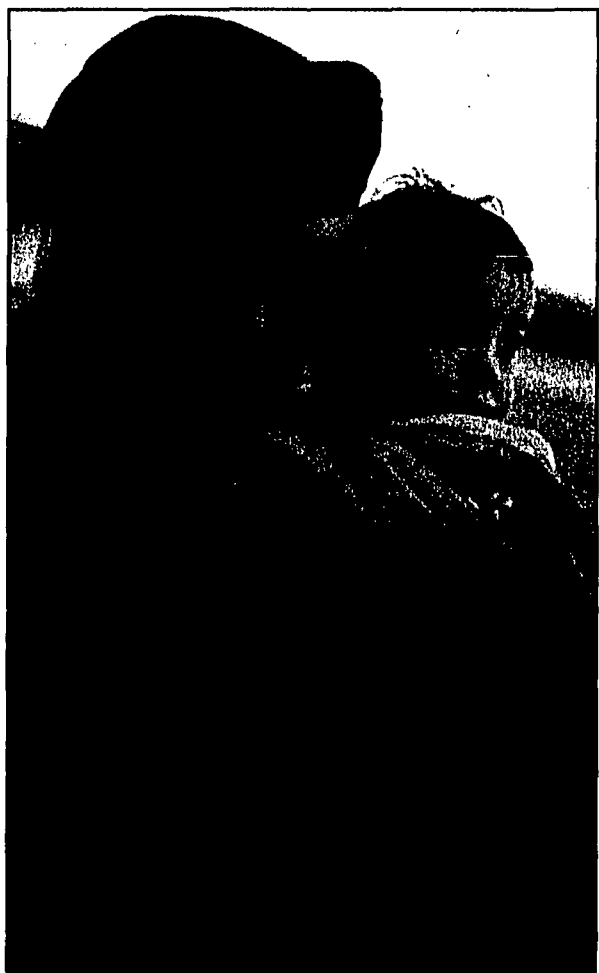


PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ryan West holds his daughter before leaving with 49 other National Guard troops. Many families and friends gathered at the Armory Wednesday to wish the soldiers farewell.

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Troops say farewell to family, friends

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Hugs, smiles, laughter and tears filled Maryville's National Guard Armory as 50 area army reservists left for Ft. Eustis, Va. yesterday.

In a ceremony highlighted by emotion and patriotism, family and friends of the soldiers got their chance to say goodbye. Since last November, the Missouri Army National Guard's 129th Field Battalion has designated approximately 300 soldiers for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Army reservist Ryan West summed up the feelings of his fellow reservists as he visited with his family for the last time for at least a few months.

"I'm sad, I miss my family," he said, clutching his infant daughter. "I'm happy to be serving my country, but I'm sad to be leaving."

Ryan's wife Brenda also said she was experiencing an

array of feelings, ranging from sadness to pride.

"I'm very proud of my husband," she said. "Like him, I'm sad. Our daughter will be turning a year old and he won't be here for her birthday, but I'm proud."

West said that serving in the military was always something he wanted to do since he was a child and that he knew that being away from home was part of the job. But the reality of being away from his family was just setting in.

"I can't wait to come home, a year is a long time," he said as he fought back tears.

Following the ceremony, which ended at 5 p.m., the troops left for a one-year tour of duty. The battalion contains reservists from Albany, Chillicothe, Richmond as well as Maryville.

According to the battalion's commander Lt. (Please see 'Troops' page 5A)

New committee addresses merger concerns

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Students with Northwest merger concerns and questions can now express them to a new committee.

"We want students that have concerns and questions to come forward," said Student Senate President Emily Dix.

The Student Senate-sponsored merger committee will begin to meet within the next few weeks to plan how it will gather students' opinions.

"We want to do the best we can

to gather students' concerns and questions," said Student Senate Vice President Chase Cornett. "We then want to take students' opinions and put together a formal referendum that states whether Northwest students want to support or not to support the merger."

Cornett will head the committee that will rely on focus groups and internet surveys to gather students' opinions.

"Our goal is to get students to speak out about this issue," Dix said.

Cornett said the committee will begin to meet every other week un-

til March, when they will meet weekly until March 16.

On that day the student merger committee, will present to Student Senate, a referendum based on their findings. Student Senate then will decide to either accept or reject the proposal. If passed, the proposal will be on WebSTAR for one week.

Cornett said the idea to form the student merger committee came from Student Senate's governmental affairs committee. A resolution to form the committee was written, and on Dec. 2, 2003 Student Senate passed the resolution.

Dix said she hopes the formation of the student merger committee will bring a good turnout of involvement and opinions.

"The number one thing students can do to help the committee is to complete the survey," Cornett said.

Cornett also asks students to contact him or Student Senate if they have any questions or if they want to help with the committee.

"We want to make sure we feel like everyone has a voice on this issue," Dix said. "So that we can determine the student stance on it."

Missouri Academy students win awards at Model UN

By LACEY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students from the Missouri Academy returned from their newest undertaking with two trophies and a new understanding of international procedure.

A delegation of seven students and Brian Hesse, assistant professor of history, participated in the Mid-American Model United Nations for the first time in November. At the regional competition in Springfield, Mo., students debated contemporary issues such as peacekeeping, international drug control and Iraqi reconstruction. The team did well with two students bringing home trophies.

"It gives you a first-hand experience about how it would be in the government," Missouri Academy junior

Aadhar Garg said.

Before the Model UN team met, they were assigned a country to represent. The Academy team was the delegation from Spain. They learned about the issues facing Spain and how the country would respond to those issues. Members of the delegation were then put on different United Nations committees. In October, students met once a week with Hesse to study the United Nations, parliamentary procedure, current events and how to draft resolutions.

"We focused a lot on the functions of the committee each person was on," Missouri Academy senior Sasha Echstein said.

Echstein earned the "Top Justice Award" for her efforts as chairman of the International Court of Justice. The model court tried real cases presented

by pre-law university students. Echstein read the complete case log of three real court cases to prepare for her duties on her committee.

"It was interesting to see how countries interacted in various committees," Echstein said.

Garg earned the "Outstanding Delegate Award" for his efforts on the Security Council.

"I was one of the people that everyone came to when they were drafting the resolutions," Garg said.

"You don't think of Spain as being able to wield a lot of world influence, but he was able to influence people tremendously. He over-excelled," Hesse said.

Missouri Academy students Lauren Davis, Peter Dempsey, Lily Ehlebracht, Jessica Newman and Madison Rosas also

participated in the event. Hesse believes it was the hard work of those students that made it possible for other people to receive awards, even though they didn't receive awards themselves. Davis, a senior, believed she benefited from the experience as much as the students who received awards.

"My partner and I had never been to a Model UN before, but we picked up a lot from more experienced teams," Davis said.

Echstein thinks it would be beneficial to expand the program.

"I would like to see a Northwest team as well as an Academy team," Echstein said. "It is a really great experience if people want to learn about international affairs."

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Show me the money



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Mallory Webster swipes her US Bank ATM card late Thursday night in hopes of winning quick cash. Webster, a marketing major, won \$200 in two minutes from the ATM cash grab sponsored by US Bank.

Organizations volunteer on King Service Day

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

From walking dogs to cleaning senior citizens' homes, Northwest students learned the value of servitude on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"It was a day to give back," senior Kamaria Kassim said. "Martin Luther King Jr. spent his life giving to the community and so it's important to give back even if it is something small."

Both Kassim and Northwest junior Deqa Bashir spent two hours at Children's Depot day care cleaning walls, toys, windows, chairs and mirrors.

"It was a pleasure to do something for the community," Bashir said.

Eighty-eight students participated Monday for the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of community service. The Alliance of Black Collegians (ABC), Team Leadership and the volunteer office planned the day's activities.

Besides cleaning and repairing senior citizens' homes and walking dogs at the New Nodaway Humane Society,



PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Angie Gehring spends time playing with Charlie, a dog up for adoption at the New Nodaway Humane Society. Northwest students volunteered to walk adoptable dogs among other projects on Martin Luther King Service Day.

other projects included cleaning, sorting and stocking at the Ministry Center. Students also helped the members of the Nodaway County Historical Society prepare

for the Valentine's Tea at its museum.

Northwest freshman Robert Graham spent Monday walking a dog as well as raking leaves at Beal Park.

"It was fun," Graham said. "It gave me

something to do besides sitting around in my room reading books."

Lisa Doudna, coordinator of volunteerism, said this year fewer people participated in the service day.

"Maybe it was the cold weather or maybe many people went home," Doudna said.

Doudna said improvements for next year include having more senior citizens' homes to volunteer at and to get more students to participate.

After students finished their work, they were invited to the Wesley Center for a spaghetti dinner and to listen to the ABC Gospel Choir and keynote speaker Northwest alum Tyrone Bates Jr.

During his speech, Bates stressed the importance of knowing the purpose of their life and their rights.

Bates asked students to make a difference through servitude as he did while attending Northwest and now as he teaches at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan.

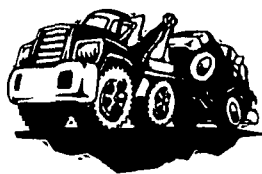
"Anytime I can serve, it's a honor," Bates said. "Anything dealing with servitude I'm always excited to be a part of."

University Events

Thurs. 22	■ IM basketball officials meeting, 6:30 p.m. ■ Bent Left & Molotov-Latte punk rock bands, 10 p.m., Union Ballroom ■ The Yagina Monologues, 7 p.m., Union Room A	Mon. 26	■ IM 5 on 5 basketball play begins, 6:30 p.m.
Fri. 23	■ Student payday	Tues. 27	■ Exploring Majors
Sat. 24	■ Admissions Winter Visit Day, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Wed. 28	■ Women's basketball vs. Central Missouri State, 5:30 Bearcat Arena ■ Men's basketball vs. Central Missouri State, 7:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena ■ RHA: Hypnotist Jim Wand, 7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
Sun. 25	■ Sunday Night Church, 9 p.m., Union Ballroom		

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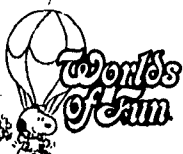
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Kansas University
Kansas Union - KS Room
Registration: 3-5

WARRENSBURG, MO
Tuesday, February 10
CMSU
Union - Ballroom
Registration: 3-5

LINCOLN, NE
Wednesday, February 11
University of Nebraska
NE Union - Ballroom
Registration: 3-5



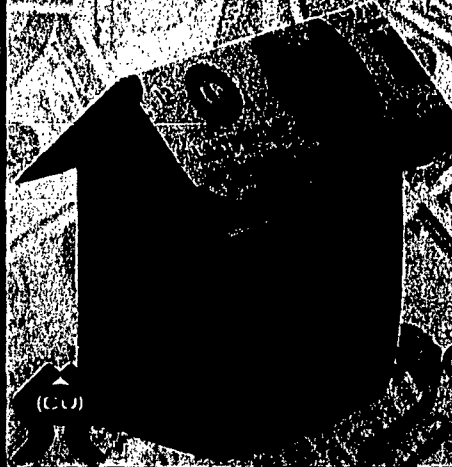
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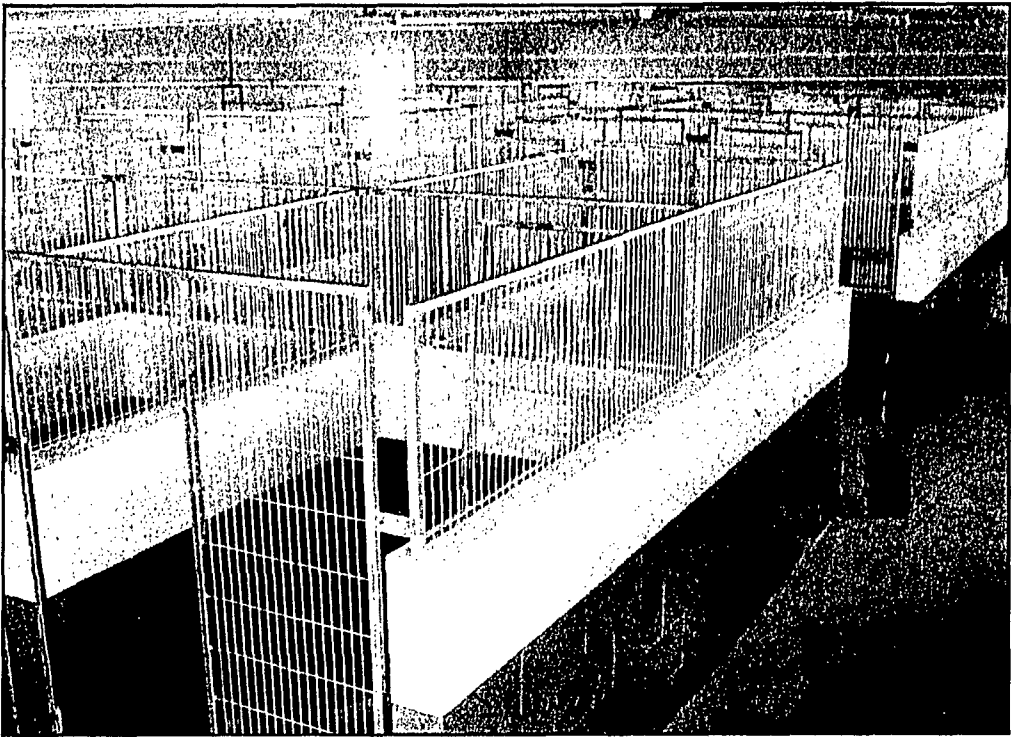


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The New Nodaway Humane Society animal shelter is set to open by mid-February to early March. The 7,400 square-foot facility will be located on South Depot Street.

Anxious animals await adequate accommodations

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Overcrowded buildings, constant repairs and lack of facilities are a familiar sight to employees of the New Nodaway Humane Society.

These problems will soon be a thing of the past. With the completion of the organization's new Maryville animal shelter, resident cats and dogs will enjoy a cleaner, healthier environment.

"We always had to spend more money on the shelter to pass inspection and it was useless," said Merla Findlay, the New Nodaway County Humane Society president.

The need for a larger shelter is evident in the number of animals that have been turned away this year because of space constraints. A number of dogs remain in outdoor kennels, unprotected from the elements.

According to Findlay, the as-yet-unnamed animal shelter expects to open its doors sometime between mid-February and early March.

The 7,400 square foot facility will reside on eight acres on South Depot Street. Production began last June, one month after the contract was signed, but the initial idea has been around for several years.

The three connected buildings will contain a birthing room for pregnant dogs, laundry facilities, an adoption room, a quarantine room and an education room. The new facilities will feature a state-of-the-art heating and cooling system that will circulate

clean air and prevent contamination.

"It will be an attractive building," Findlay said. "It'll make the adoption process easier and more appealing."

Money for the shelter came primarily from several large donations. The society's original founder, Martha Johnston, contributed nearly \$300,000 to the fund in her will. Other private citizens, including Dolores and Virgil Albertini, also donated to the society.

"So much can be learned about a community by how they treat animals," said Dolores, a former member of the Humane Society's Board of Directors. "I hope that this shelter will be right up there with Maryville's places of interest and that it can be pointed at with pride."

Dolores and her husband, Virgil, remain members of the New Nodaway Humane Society. The couple donates time and money to the production of the animal shelter. In preparation of the construction they traveled to various shelters and studied them.

"We took a lot of ideas from a lot of shelters and used what we thought would work for ours," Albertini said.

Fundraisers will continue for the new shelter in coming months. Main Street Coffee will host an event on Feb. 19 with Kurt Bowman and Jeff Brown performing live music. All donations will go to the Humane Society fund. This spring, the Humane Society will conduct its annual Salad Luncheon and will begin a fund-raising campaign.

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Souper Bowl of Caring allows residents to give

All items donated to the food drive will stay in Maryville area; organizers hope to bolster pantry

By ANTHONY STIENS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

While most sports fans await the Super Bowl, the Maryville Ministry Center will begin a "Souper Bowl" of its own. The Souper Bowl of Caring drive will collect cans of soup for the Maryville Food Pantry from Jan. 25 to Feb. 1.

"The goal of the drive is to bring back awareness of Second Harvest Food Bank to the Maryville area," said Jan Sanderson,

Souper Bowl coordinator. Sanderson said the goal of the drive is to collect 2,000 cans.

Established in 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide event that assists food pantries with soup collection during the Super Bowl weekend.

Sherri Troshynski, food pantry coordinator of the Maryville Ministry Center, hopes the food drive will yield answers to the pantry's low amount of soup. All items will stay in the Maryville area.

Plastic bags will be distributed to homes in the last week of January with a note explaining what the bags are for. The bags will then be collected on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1.

Once collected, all bags will be taken

to the Maryville Community Center where they will be sorted and distributed among the Maryville Food Pantry, Bethesda Group Home and the Nodaway County Senior Center.

Sanderson has enlisted the help of area businesses to assist with the soup drive. Area factories and banks currently have collection boxes for employees to donate soup. Hy-Vee will be selling pre-packaged bags containing soup that customers may purchase and then donate.

Troshynski noted that the event was a good way to serve the community.

"The Maryville Food Pantry is always here for people that need the help," Troshynski said.

Atkins diet craze arrives in Maryville

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents can now munch down on chocolate bars and hamburgers guilt-free.

With the recent explosion of the Atkins Nutritional Approach in town, the only catch is the chocolate would have to have a reduced amount of carbohydrates and the hamburger would be minus the bun.

Many Maryville businesses noticed the craze and hitched a ride on the bandwagon.

Subway has partnered with Atkins Nutritionals Inc. to serve low-carbohydrate wraps. They feature a turkey and bacon melt wrap and a chicken bacon ranch wrap, each with less than 11 net carbohydrates.

According to the Maryville Subway, the wraps are already selling well.

"We usually make 65 sandwiches per hour," said Katie Judah, a Subway employee. "On average, about half of those have been wraps."

The local Hardee's is also taking part in the action. "The Low-Carb Thickburger" is wrapped in lettuce, which results in 49 fewer carbohydrates consumed.

Nick Burke, manager of store operations at the Maryville Hy-Vee, said at the first of the year, they too, started selling low-carbohydrate products.

"We have a section in the store for Atkins brand merchandise," Burke said. "We also offer Sara Lee low-carb bread, among other products."

The Atkins Nutritional Approach was developed by Dr. Robert C. Atkins and is a low-carbohydrate plan that restricts consumption



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Subway employee Rachel Cain adds condiments to a new "Atkins Diet Friendly" wrap. The wraps, which cost 60 cents more than a 6 inch sub, give the sandwich 5 net carbs, compared to the regular 37 net carbs in white bread.

of processed or refined carbohydrates.

Instead, up to two-thirds of the calories may come from fat. According to the American Heart Association, this is more than two-thirds of the recommended amount.

For instance, the wraps that Subway offers may be low in carbohydrates, but each have more than twenty grams of fat and over 400 calories.

Despite immense number of people on the diet, not all see the Atkins Nutritional Approach as a good idea.

"Too much of any one thing, such as fat or protein, isn't good for you," said registered dietician Molly Driftmier. "People should just follow the food guide pyramid and get plenty of exercise in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

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Community events

Thurs. 22 ■ **Mid-America Fruit Growers Conference**, Elms Resort, Excelsior Springs, Mo.
■ **Communion service**, St. Gregory's Church, 2 p.m.

Fri. 23 ■ **National Wild Turkey Federation banquet**, Eagles Lodge, 5 p.m.

Sat. 24 ■ **Women's Fellowship brunch**, First Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m.

Sun. 25 ■ **Morning Worship with special speaker Ronnie Epps**, Countryside Christian Church, 9:15 a.m.

Mon. 26 ■ **Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet: "Blues and BBQ"**, Younger Auction Gallery, 5 p.m.

Tues. 27 ■ **Northwest Mo. Corn Growers meeting**, Younger Auction Gallery, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wed. 28 ■ **National Compliment Day**

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While Jupiter may be a long way off, President George W. Bush recently expressed interest in sending humans back to the moon and further exploring Mars.

And although trips aren't planned until 2015 at the earliest, we at *The Missourian* applaud Bush and NASA in their efforts to explore the unknown.

"We do not know where this journey will end," Bush said last week when he announced his plan. "Yet we know this: human beings are headed into the cosmos." Bush's critics are quick to point out that this is just a scheme to gain votes for the November election. The fact is, NASA has been experimenting with Mars prior to Bush's announcement.

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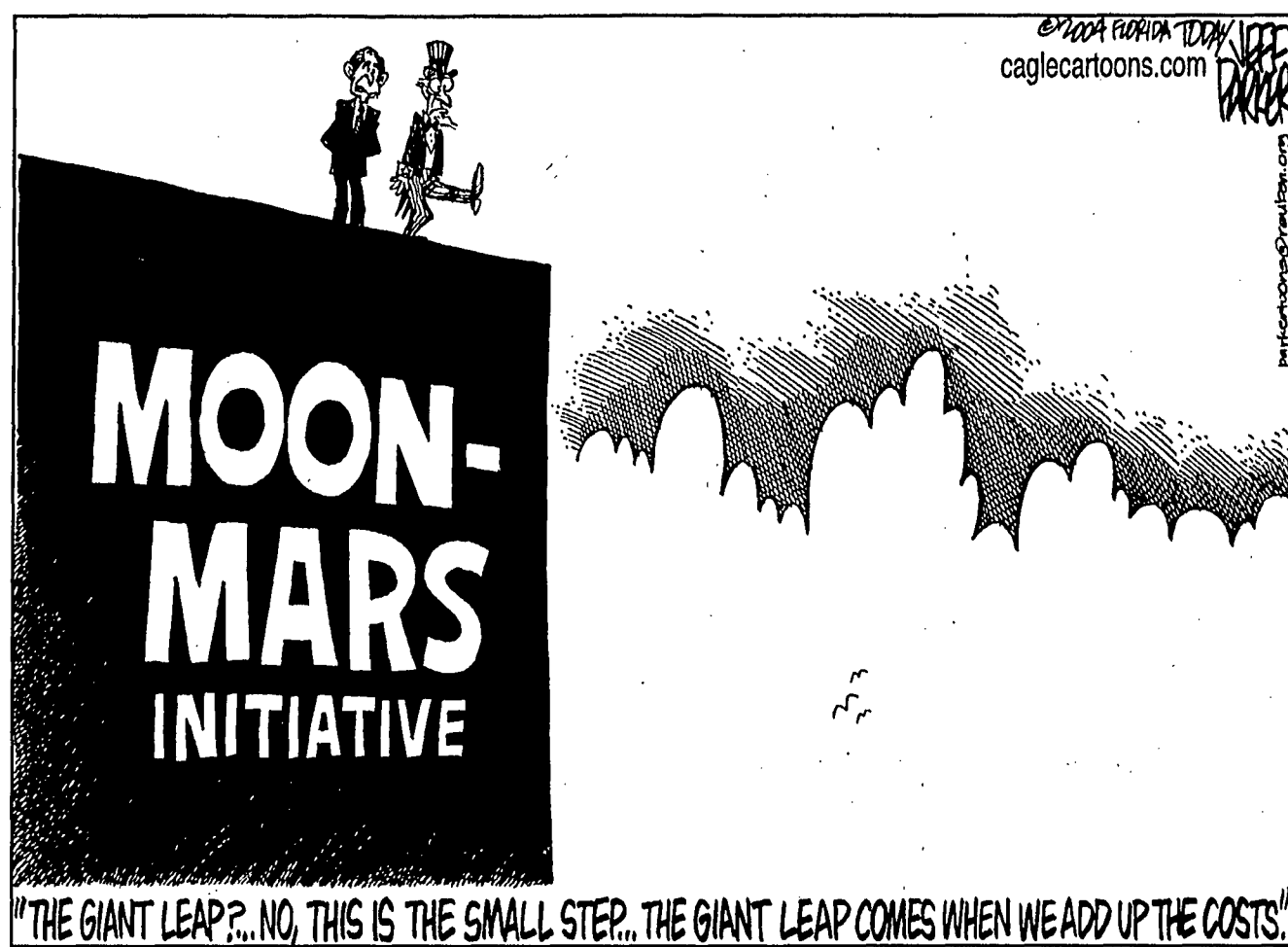
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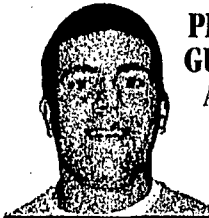
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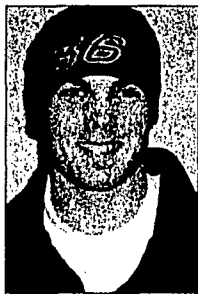
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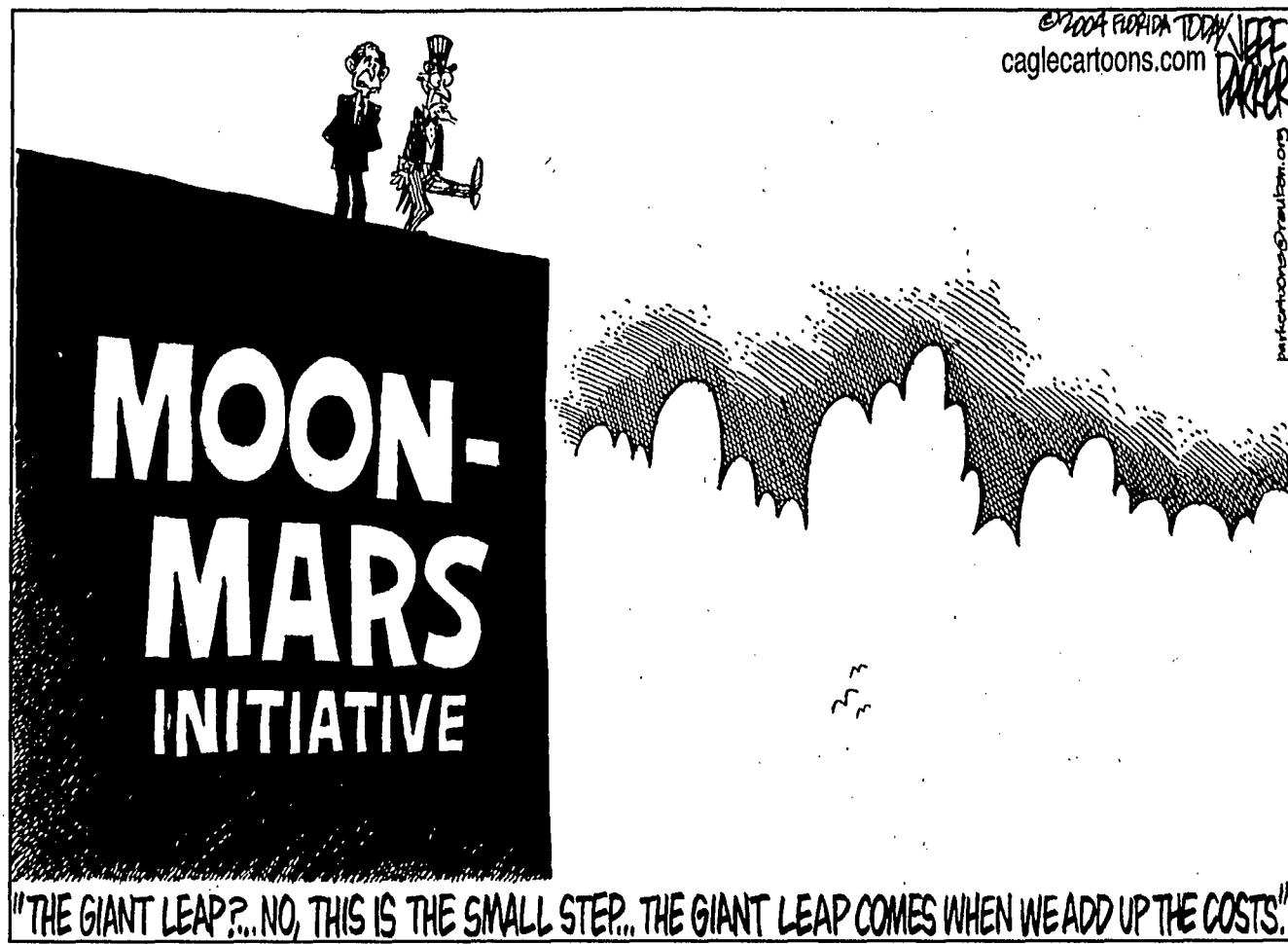
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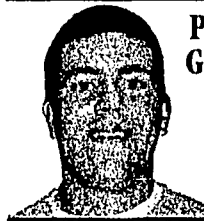
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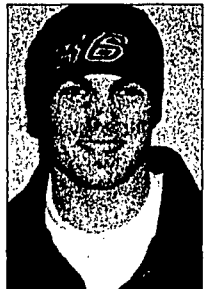
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When addressing his troops and their families, O'Donnell said the weight of the war on terrorism is not only on the shoulders of the soldiers, but their communities as well.

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Holden proposes 2005 budget, Northwest appropriations remain the same

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Wiles and his business partner, Tom Rackers, have been planning for the 2005 budget prior to Wednesday's address.

"We started in December and we were with (Hubbard)," Wiles said. "We

started appropriation mark-ups, so the University has already started the process rolling."

Holden's proposal will be debated by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and must be on the governor's desk by May 7. The 2004 legislative session ends May 14.

Another area Wiles has delved into is the possible merger with the University of Missouri system. However, Wiles said until the two sides agree to a Memorandum of Understanding, "we're not able to move forward."

"At this point, we don't have any

legislature to examine," he said. "Until that happens, it's premature to make assumptions."

Overall, Wiles said the image of Northwest in Jefferson City is "extremely high."

"President Hubbard has done a good job promoting Northwest with the Baldrige, so we have a high image," Wiles said. "When I travel, you won't believe the people that know Northwest after they won back-to-back national championships. And our facilities are some of the most elite in the country."

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Group to improve community image

The community may be able to sell dedication benches or light posts to raise funds, Hubbard suggested.

Hubbard stressed that the task force is not the only group responsible for the project.

"This is a cooperative effort comprised of business and building owners, Nodaway County Economic Development, the Chamber of Commerce and the city," she said.

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Teacher center of investigation

"Unfortunately, with a school district we're not able to share all the information with the public that we have until things are completed," Reese said.

Reese said in dealing with both issues the school district will follow Missouri statutes.

"We will follow the statutes to the letter, not only in the process we will have to go through, but also in the timeline," Reese said. "So we will follow that as we are required to do."



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy speaks to reporters outside Monday's Iowa Caucus victory rally for Sen. John Kerry. Kennedy's endorsement of Kerry has aided in propelling him to the top. The candidates have left Iowa for New Hampshire, where primaries take place next week.

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On to New Hampshire: Primary winner could be anyone's guess, despite Kerry lead

the most visible and viable candidates after finishing second and third, respectively, in the caucuses. A poll released Wednesday by the *Boston Herald* currently places Kerry in the lead with 31 percent, 10 points ahead of a second-place Dean.

However, Iowa results set no precedent, and it's anyone's game, according to Brian Hesse, assistant professor of political science.

"I think that, right now, it's an open field," said Hesse, a Clarinda, Iowa resident

who served as a precinct chair for Monday's caucuses. "There's certainly a sense of momentum for Edwards and Kerry, and Dean seems to be floundering. He really took a blow in the Iowa caucuses, based on the incredible lead he had months before hand."

Dean's aggressive post-caucus speech to supporters, Hesse said, may not have contributed to boosting his still-faltering numbers.

"I think he overcompensated, and it's leaving the impression of Jekyll and Hyde now that he's acting sub-

dued in New Hampshire," Hesse said. "I think there's something unsettling about this guy that makes people lean toward Edwards or toward Kerry, if they hadn't been leaning in that direction before."

Bolstered by the support of not only veterans and labor unions, but also the likes of fellow Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy, and former Sen. Gary Hart, Kerry remains confident regardless of voter uncertainty.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"And now you send me to New Hampshire and I send you this pledge," Kerry said to Iowa supporters in his post-caucus speech Monday evening. "I have only just begun to fight in the months and years ahead. I pledge that I will fight for you. I will fight to change America and move this country forward."

And while Rassman believes his friend will, without a doubt, seal the Democratic nomination come March, only time will reveal whether the current Democratic leader will be the man who beats Bush.

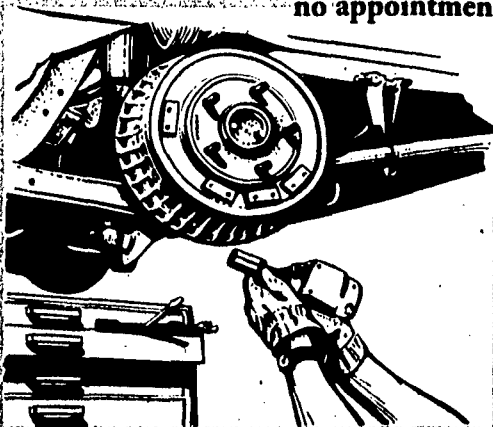
"I certainly hope so," he said.

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Weaving new relationships

Quilting guild offers Maryville residents opportunities for friendship and learning

Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

Eileen Fisher and Dorothy Dredge finish each other's sentences. They tell quilting jokes and laugh together about quilts gone awry and stitching that just didn't work out. Behind their joviality is a commitment to creating an art form.

Fisher and Dredge are just two members of the Krazy Quilting Guild, a 24 person organization that formed in 1993.

The women began the group to learn more about quilting but came away with so much more.

"I was recently widowed when I joined," Dredge said. "I hadn't really gotten out in a while and the group really helped me recover. I've made many very good friends from the guild."

Trudy Dorrel, one of the founding members the Krazy Quilting Guild, also said the organization has brought her many new and lasting friendships.

"We spend time together outside of the guild," Dorrel said. "We even go on road trips to visit new quilting shops."

The group meets from 7-9 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. After gathering at the Community of Christ Church at First and Walnut, the women share refreshments and catch up on each other's lives.

"We just chatter away for awhile," Dorrel said. "There's a lot of laughter and a lot of sharing of ideas."

The main focus of the guild is to share ideas, so at each meeting a pair of members is responsible for a presentation. Usually the presentation consists of a group project that illustrates a special technique. Often, Dredge said, a drawing is held to give away whatever is created. Dredge recently learned how to do kaleidoscope quilts, a skill she has now perfected.

"I went a little crazy and made six," she said with a laugh.

At the close of the meeting the group holds a "show and tell." The women bring in quilts or other related items to share with the guild.

"It's the highlight of the evening," Dorrel said. "That's where a lot of learning occurs."

In order to further the learning process, the guild maintains a quilt library. Members can check out books, patterns or magazines for a one month period.

The wealth of materials in the library allows members to continue learning at home, something that Fisher values. She said that quilting is a therapeutic outlet.

"I can just come home from a busy day at work and lose myself," Fisher said.

Outside of the regular meetings, the guild hosts a variety of workshops. The organization has brought in na-

tionally renowned quilters to present workshops in Maryville.

Each year the guild puts their newfound knowledge to use by creating a quilt that they raffle off at the Business and Professional Women Hobby Show. Dorrel said the group usually donates part of the proceeds to charity.

While the organization focuses on quilting, they try to encourage socialization. In April, the each member draws names for a secret pal.

"It's a fun aspect of what we do," Dorrel said. "It always keeps everyone guessing."

Gifts consist of new quilting tools, unique fabrics or pieces of quilts. The following April, secret pals reveal their identities.

To become a member of the guild, come to one of the guild's meetings. The guild asks that visitors attend two meetings before joining. Dues are \$15 for the first year and \$10 for every year after that.

"We are always looking for new members," Dorrel said. "Don't be intimidated. No matter what kind of quilting experience you have, we welcome everyone. The range of abilities in our group is very wide."

PAGES OF MEMORIES

Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

One scrapbook page can encapsulate an entire memory. It can bring back the ecstasy of high school graduation, the hilarity of a trip to the beach or the joy of a child's birth.

A growing trend, scrapbooking has become America's way to pay tribute to the family. According to a study by Unity Marketing, the scrapbooking industry jumped 29 percent in 2002, bringing in over \$1.2 billion in consumer sales.

Scrapbooker Lana Rickabaugh said she believes the growth of the industry is due to the post-9/11 focus on family values.

"In these economic and social times, people aren't going out as much, they are spending more time with their families," Rickabaugh said. "This is a hobby that allows people to document that time."

Suzi White said scrapbooking is the only hobby she's tried that allows her to connect with her family while spending time alone.

"I don't feel guilty about not spending time with the kids, because I'm doing something for them," White said. "It's my way of showing them how much I love them."

White creates birthday books for each of her children. One of her most time consuming books, however, was one that she created for her husband's doctoral degree.

"It was so much better than a regular gift," White said. "It showed him how much I appreciate and value his work."

Leslie Wilkinson, a Northwest student, creates scrapbooks to record her high school and college memories. She has one book for every school year and spends her summers putting them together.

"I love to look through and remember all the memories," Wilkinson said. "I often find

myself laughing out loud when I'm looking through the books."

Scrapbooking not only involves the use of pictures, but also includes papers, stamps, cutouts, stickers, embellishments and anything else that helps encompass the event. White uses journaling to add emotion to each page.

"The one thing about scrapbooking is that people can find their own personal style," White said. "No one scrapbooks alike."

Sarah Arnold, who owns the downtown business Being Creative, couldn't agree more. In addition to offering a variety of scrapbooking supplies, Being Creative hosts classes and "crops," which bring scrapbookers together.

Crops, held every other Friday from 5:30 p.m. to midnight at Being Creative, allow scrapbookers to gather, work together and try new projects. Arnold said that as many as 25 women come to Being Creative's crop.

"When I went to my first crop I was instantly hooked," Rickabaugh said. "Crops are great ways to meet people and share new ideas."

Rickabaugh now shares her ideas with the nation. In 2001, one year after she began scrapbooking, Rickabaugh won the Hall of Fame contest sponsored by Creating Keepsakes magazine. The magazine published seven of her scrapbook layouts and since then, Rickabaugh has designed pages for several scrapbook design companies.

Rickabaugh eventually capitalized on her success by starting her own scrapbooking design company called The Designer's Library by Lana. Rickabaugh runs the company out of her home. Her designs are on sale at Being Creative.

Though she is busy with her design company, Rickabaugh still finds time to scrapbook for her family.

"It's a great way to show your family that all the little things matter," Rickabaugh said. "Preservation of photos will always be important to me."

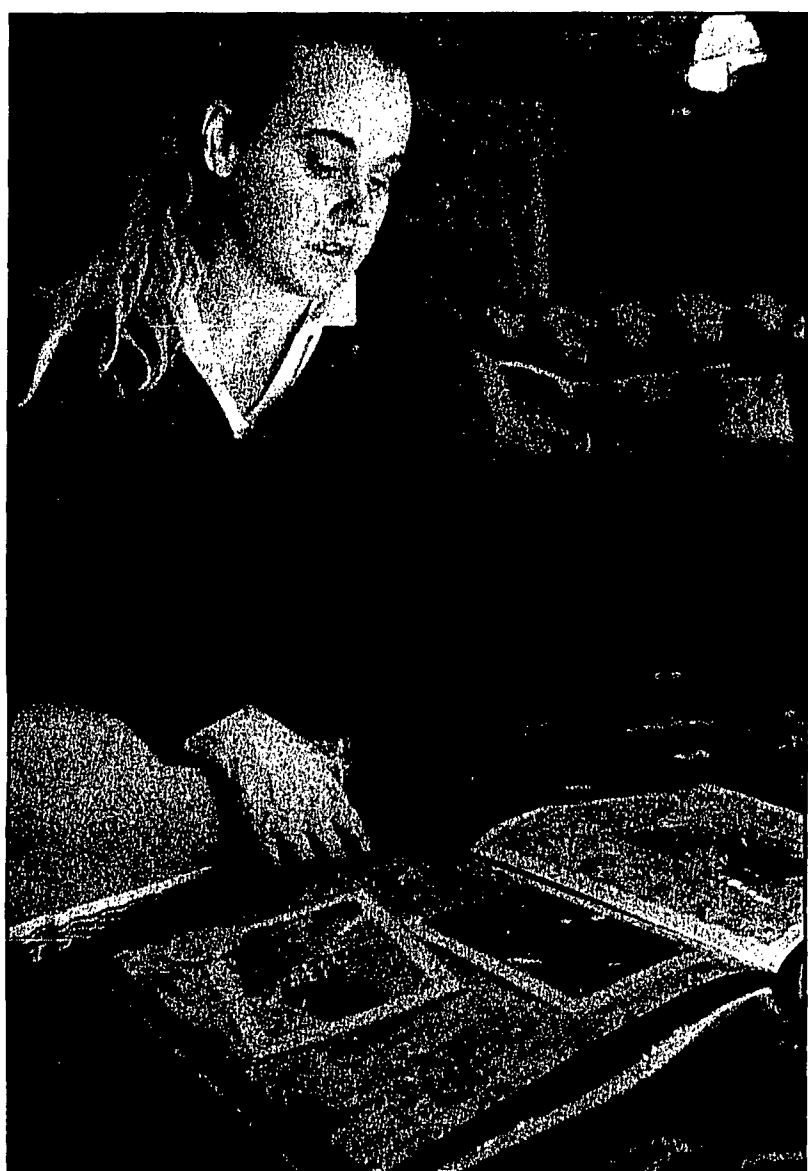


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Maryville resident Lana Rickabaugh looks at a scrapbook page featuring her son playing with a ladybug. Rickabaugh, a hall of fame scrapbooker, uses different types of paper, ribbon, cutouts and other art to create her pages.

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Tracksters place highly at Graceland

McKim breaks 60 feet in weight throw, sets record

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

If the winter break had a negative effect on the men's and women's track teams, it sure wasn't at Graceland's Invitational on Saturday in Larni, Iowa.

"As a coach, sometimes you're not sure how that break is going to affect you, and everybody came out ready to compete," Northwest women's coach Vicki Wooton said. "They left everything they had either in the ring or on the track or in the pit. They gave it all they got, even though it was a little bit of a smaller meet for us. But they came in and they were very competitive."

The two squads combined collected 15 first place finishes. The men finished first nine times. Both junior Gabriel Helms and junior Dan McKim of the men's team took first place twice in their events. Helms won both the 55- and 200-meter dashes. McKim improved his provisional qualifying mark in the weight throw McKim's mark of 60 feet, 4.5 inches is a new Northwest record, breaking his previous record by two feet.

On the women's side, senior Mary Wirt continued her dominance in the weight throw by taking first in her competition and by improving her provisional qualifying mark for nationals. She took third in the shot put. Sophomore Alisha Samuel of the women's team also finished at the top in two races. She finished first in the 55 and 200-meter dashes. Samuel was coming off an injury and was a bit surprised at how well she did.

"I wasn't sure how I was going to get over that," Samuel said. "(It took) a lot of hard work and a lot of mental preparation. I just went out there and competed, and (did) what I had to do."

Other winners on the men's team included sophomores Eric Isley and Pete Paniccia and freshmen Clif McIntosh and Bryan Tourney. The 4x400 relay team also finished first. For the women, sophomore Dia McKee and juniors Bridget Shields and Steph Sunken each finished first in their respective races.

"(McKee) came out and ran two strong races in less than 35 minutes and was very competitive," Wooton said. "(She's) one of those surprises that you know they're capable of running what they did, but you're not sure when they're actually going to do it. Mentally and physically I was very impressed with her performance."

Wooton was also pleased with transfer student Megan Robinson, who is recovering from an ACL injury. Sophomore Heather Brokaw did well in the 4x800 relay, Wooton said, considering the circumstances.

"Heather Brokaw did an extremely good job in that relay, because when she got the baton she was over 11 seconds behind and she ended up passing a girl on her leg of the relay," Wooton said.

The team will run this weekend at the Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

Women stay on winning track



Northwest senior Sarah Vollertsen swats away a shot by Truman freshman Emily Markovich. Vollertsen, the career record holder for blocked shots finished the game with three blocks. Vollertsen also led the Bearcats with 19 points. Northwest faces Emporia on Saturday.

Vollertsen scores 19, team sets school record for treys

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — There must be something about Pershing Arena that brings out the best in the Northwest women's basketball team. Maybe it's the lighting, the small crowds or just plain confidence. Whatever it is, it's working.

"Sometimes teams just play well in certain places," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Maybe it's Toots (Toots Family Restaurant) where we eat pre-game."

In last year's 63-42 win in Kirksville, the Bearcats outscored the Bulldogs 41-15 in the second half.

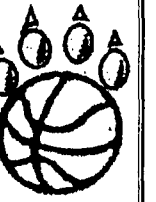
They picked up right where they left

off last year on Wednesday night with a 85-68 victory thanks to a school-record 12 three-point baskets.

Opening the game on a 22-8 run, Truman was never really in the game. They cut the lead to nine points at 25-16, but they would never get closer.

The 'Cats staked themselves to a 43-26 halftime lead and never looked back. Combined with the

(Please see 'Hot' page 2B)



Northwest
85
Truman
68

Northwest runs their win streak to eight, longest since 1990-91

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

When Northwest took to the floor Wednesday night, they took with them an eight-game winning streak, the longest the Bearcats have had during the Gene Steinmeyer era.

The last Northwest women's basketball team to do that was in 1990 when the Bearcats started the season 8-0.

Steinmeyer attributes the team's current winning streak to the strong showing they have had on the defensive end of the floor.

"You have to look at the defense," Steinmeyer said. "We are an opportunistic defense. We get a lot of steals and convert on a lot of steals."

Even when the 'Cats don't come away with a steal, (Please see 'Winning' page 2B)

Turnover Time

The Northwest women have made a name for themselves in the MIAA for causing opposing offenses problems when it comes to taking care of the ball.



Opponent.....	Turnovers	Missouri Southern.....	28
Southwest Baptist.....	28	Washburn.....	27
Missouri-Rolla.....	27	Pittsburg State.....	35
Missouri Western.....	30	Truman State.....	26

Northwest escape road trip, Parker leads the way with big second half

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

KIRKSVILLE, Mo.—Not much was different between Northwest's 68-63 victory over Truman State University Wednesday and Northwest's win last Saturday.

Both games saw Northwest come out hot and get a lead on their opponent, only to have their opponent come back and take a lead. In both games though, senior guard Kelvin Parker gave Northwest the edge and the victory.

Parker had a game-high 21 points, with 17 in the second half. He led three 'Cats in double-figures. Juniors Byron Jackson and Sky Wilson each had 12 points.

"Kelvin was just plain bad in the first half," Northwest head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "He knows that, too. But when it came time to make plays in the second half, he stepped up and made them for us."

Northwest busted out of the gates and had leads of 22-8 and 31-12 in the first half, but the

Bulldogs fought back and had Northwest's lead trimmed to nine points, 35-24 by halftime.

"When we have teams down we have to stick them defensively," junior forward Byron Jackson said. "We've got to crush them and put them away."

Jackson said the similarity in the two games might have a little to do with a relatively inexperienced team learning to win in the MIAA.

"When it comes to putting a team away we really only have one or two (Please see 'Men' page 2B)



Sky Wilson goes in for a layup Wednesday night against Truman. Wilson and the Bearcats escaped Kirksville with a 68-63 win. The No. 1 ranked 'Cats play host to Emporia State on Saturday night. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Spoofhounds pick up Savannah Tournament title with win over Hogan Prep, followed by another win

Squad avenges last season's loss to Hogan

By SCOTT HILL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville boys basketball team continues to improve while giving its fans something to cheer about. Good passing,

strong rebounding and timely shooting guided the Spoofhounds on their way to becoming the Savannah Invitational Tournament Champions.

It is the 22nd time in 75 years that the Spoofhounds have won the tournament. They did it by defeating Bishop LeBlond 49-40 in the second round last Thursday and then by crushing last year's winner, the Hogan

Prep Rams, 52-36 in Saturday's championship game.

Hogan Prep began the game with an early 4-0 lead, but Maryville was quick to respond by going on a 15-0 run late in the first quarter. Good passing led to quick points for the 'Hounds as they found their teammates slashing to the basket for easy buckets. Senior Robbie Lade was able to get

open to hit two big three-pointers that helped give the 'Hounds momentum.

Despite Maryville's early run on points, Hogan Prep fought back in the second quarter and cut down their lead substantially, but Maryville was able to come away with a 22-15 lead at the half.

The Spoofhounds opened the second half by taking advan-

tage of easy turnovers and exploiting the Hogan Prep defense. The Rams had already shown the ability to play with the 'Hounds earlier in the game when they cut an 11-point lead down to as few as two points. The 'Hounds were quick to gain momentum in the third quarter and took advantage of the Rams' mistakes. Maryville led 34-

23 at the end of the third quarter.

"Keeping them off the boards and not letting them drive (to the basket) was key," Maryville Head Coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Maintaining our poise and keeping our composure in the second half was important as well."

After leading for the majority of

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Girls basketball

The 'Hounds took on St. Pius last weekend. See how they did along with who carried the girls on page 3B. See what else is up for them in the upcoming week.



'Hounds wrestling

The 'Hounds wrestling team has several wrestlers dominating their opponents. Check out page 3B to see how the wrestlers fared on Senior Night earlier this week. See what's up next for them too.

Men's basketball

The Northwest Basketball team took on Washburn last night. Check out page 3B to see the breakdown of the game complete with box scores and conference leaders in points.

NCAA D-II Top 25

1. Tarleton State
2. Northwest Missouri State
3. Pfeiffer
4. Christian Brothers
5. Florida Gulf Coast
6. Nebraska-Kearney
7. Humboldt State
8. Metro State
9. Valdosta State
10. Washburn
11. South Dakota State
12. Lewis
13. Indianapolis
14. Southern Indiana
15. Findlay
16. Massachusetts-Lowell
17. Francis Marion
18. Cal-State Bernadino
19. Michigan Tech
20. Queens
21. Virginia Union
22. Brigham Union- Hawaii
23. Colorado Christian
24. Mansfield
25. Lenoir-Rhyne

BEARCAT LEADERBOARD

Points:
Kelvin Parker 18.7 ppg
Austin Meyer 12.2 ppg

Rebounds:
Byron Jackson 7.9 rpg
Jesse Shaw 4.4 rpg

Steals:
Parker 2.1 steals
Shaw 1.8 steals

Assists:
Parker 4.9 assists
Wilson 4.1 assists



Shaw

UP NEXT



Emporia State University
7:30 p.m. Saturday
Bearcat Arena



Central Missouri State
7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Bearcat Arena



Southwest Baptist University
3:30 p.m. Jan. 31
Bolivar



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/SENIOR REPORTER

Senior guard Kelvin Parker drives to the basket in Wednesday night's win over Truman State. Parker led the team with 21 points. Parker scored 17 of his 21 in the second half.

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Men squander big lead, still get victory

guys that know how to do it (Parker and Jesse Shaw)," Jackson said. "Hopefully we can get the hang of it."

Down the stretch Northwest never led by more than five points, and when it seemed like the 'Cats were about to put the Bulldogs away, Truman would hit a three-pointer or make a bucket underneath.

In the second half the Bulldogs were almost 70 percent from the field and shot 60 percent from behind the arc.

Tappmeyer also noted another similarity in the last two games.

"We have done a really good job of getting a lead, but the other team has done a heck of a job at fighting back and making it a ball game."

In the end, the difference came at the free throw line. Northwest was 21-for-28 from the charity stripe, including 15-for-20 in the second half while Truman was 9-for-12.

Parker was 10-for-11, all in the second half.

"He had to miss that one at the end there and the second one hit every part of the rim," Tappmeyer said. "He definitely took a couple years off my life there. But he is the one you want at the line in that situation."

But Parker could not have been any bigger for the 'Cats. His drive to the hole with under a minute left gave Northwest the lead when he made the foul shot to convert the three-point play.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Emporia State	6-0	13-0
2. Northwest	6-0	13-0
3. Washburn	5-2	14-2
4. Western	3-3	11-4
5. Central Missouri	3-3	10-5
6. Southwest Bapt.	3-4	11-5
7. Missouri Southern	2-4	11-4
8. Pitt State	2-4	7-7
9. Truman State	1-5	7-7
10. Missouri Rolla	0-6	4-11

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

MEN'S CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Washburn	7-0	15-0
2. Northwest	5-1	14-1
3. Emporia State	5-1	13-2
4. Missouri Southern	4-2	11-4
5. Central Missouri	3-3	11-4
6. Pitt State	2-4	10-5
7. Missouri Rolla	2-4	9-6
8. Missouri Western	2-4	8-7
9. Truman State	1-5	4-11
10. Southwest Bapt.	0-7	3-13

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

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Hot outside shooting paces Bearcats

the second half of last year's game, Northwest outscored Truman 84-41 in the two halves.

Along with a stifling defense that forced 26 turnovers, the 'Cats shot 43.3 percent from the field and 50 percent from behind the arc.

Sophomore Laura Friederich broke out of a shooting slump to bury four first half treys, five total, helping Northwest pull away.

"My dad called me a couple nights ago and really got on me about not getting in the gym enough," Friederich said. "Last night, (Tuesday) I got in the gym and shot for about 45 minutes. That's really about what it takes. Preparation breeds confidence."

In her previous three games Friederich had been a combined 10-for-27 from the field. On Wednesday, she was 5-for-10 with 15 points.

Senior center Sarah Vollertsen led the 'Cats with 19 points and seven rebounds to go with three blocks. Seniors Erica Hatterman and Brooke Hogue chipped in 17 and 12 points respectively.

Vollertsen's inside game helped open up the outside game for the 'Cats, Friederich said.

"Sarah is such a huge threat in there that it really opened the outside game up a ton," Friederich said.

The win sets up a 5:30 p.m. showdown Saturday at Bearcat Arena with co-MIAA No. 1 Em-

pria State University. The Hornets are 14-0 overall and ranked No. 4 in the country and No. 1 in the South Central Region.

On Wednesday the Hornets defeated the Missouri Southern Lions 78-57.

The 'Cats are ranked third in the region behind Emporia and Angelo State University (Texas).

"We're real excited to face Emporia," Friederich said. "It's a big opportunity for us and it's always fun to play these games no matter if you are 7-0 in the conference or 4-3."

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Game box score

Northwest 85, Truman 68

Player	min.	fg-fga	ft-fa	rb	a	pf	tp
Sommer	31	4-12	5-7	8	0	2	14
Markovich	24	3-8	4-7	8	3	2	10
Huffman	20	2-8	4-7	2	3	4	8
Floyd	32	6-11	0-0	0	3	1	14
Tromp	25	4-7	2-2	10	2	2	13
Peterson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Stupbach	10	1-3	0-0	4	0	0	3
Long	20	1-2	0-0	4	1	3	2
Turnbull	27	1-6	0-0	2	3	2	3
Pattie	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miceli	8	0-1	1-2	1	1	1	1

Northwest

Player	min.	fg-fga	ft-fa	rb	a	pf	tp
Poptanycz	18	1-2	0-0	2	2	4	2
Vollertsen	29	8-16	3-3	7	0	1	19
Chalmers	23	2-3	4-4	2	2	4	8
Hatterman	24	5-9	4-5	2	2	4	17
Hogue	22	4-11	0-0	3	3	0	12
Blay	14	1-3	0-0	1	3	0	2
Wolfe	18	1-4	0-0	4	1	3	2
Friederich	19	5-10	0-0	0	3	1	15
Ellis	3	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0
Van Dine	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Fields	12	2-5	0-0	5	0	2	4
Scherer	11	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0
Freerksen	4	0-1	4-4	0	1	5	4

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Women's key to wins lies in their depth

they tend to force loads of turnovers.

In their first six MIAA conference games, they forced an average of 28 turnovers a game, including 35 against Pittsburg State on Saturday.

Along with the strong defense, another key to the Bearcats winning streak has been their depth.

"There are two things in the stat column that you can look at in all of our wins," Steinmeyer said. "We have outscored all of our opponents in bench scoring and outscored all our opponents in points off turnovers. I think if someone would cut into those totals we would be in trouble."

While most teams rely on one or two players to come off the bench, Steinmeyer regularly plays 11 different players during a game.

Two players that have shared time in the starting lineup are senior Jenna Wolfe and junior Ashely Poptanycz. Whichever player is playing the best at the current time is generally who Steinmeyer chooses to start.

In the past several games though, it seems that whoever comes off the

bench has the best game.

"I almost jinx them it seems like," Steinmeyer said. "I move the lineup around as they deserve it, but people seem to play better coming off of the bench."

The contributions from the bench have also created more of a team atmosphere around the squad.

"There are four players that emphasize our depth and team play," Steinmeyer said. "Meghan Blay, Ashely Freerksen, Katie Scherer and Tanisha Fields all play 10 minutes or less a game. They don't complain, they just go out and play hard. Sure, they would all love to play 25 minutes a game, but they play within themselves and that's what helps the team."

One thing the winning streak has not yielded for the Bearcats is a spot in the WBCA Top 25 poll. Steinmeyer doesn't seem overly concerned, however, stating the regional rankings are what matter.

"National rankings are just a crapshoot," Steinmeyer said. "Once you get in, it's hard to get you out. But getting in is the devil."

NCAA D-II Top 25

1. California (Pa.) University
2. North Dakota
3. Drury University
4. Emporia State
5. Seattle Pacific
6. North Florida
7. Glenville State
8. South Dakota State
9. Washburn
10. Quincy
11. Angelo State
12. South Dakota
13. North Dakota State
14. Shaw University
15. Georgia State
16. Concordia University
17. Northeastern State
18. Augusta (Ga.)
19. California State-Bakersfield
20. Bellarmine
21. Armstrong Atlantic
22. Northern Kentucky
23. Bentley
24. Merrimack
25. Indianapolis

BEARCAT LEADERBOARD

Points:
Sarah Vollertsen 13.7 ppg
Ashely Poptanycz 11.0 ppg

Rebounds:
Vollertsen 8.7 rpg
Poptanycz 7.1 rpg

Steals:
Jane Chalmers 2.5 steals
Jenna Wolfe 2.5 steals

Assists:
Chalmers 5.9 assists
Megan Blay 2.2 assists



Poptanycz

UP NEXT



Emporia State University
5:30 p.m. Saturday
Bearcat Arena



Central Missouri State University
5:30 p.m. Wednesday
Bearcat Arena



Southwest Baptist University
1:30 p.m. Jan. 31
Bolivar

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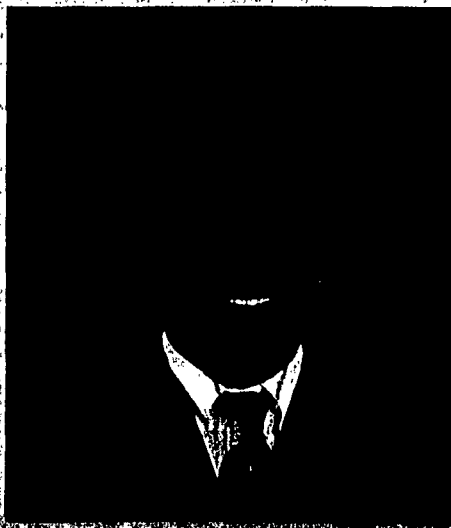
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Northwest Ford-Lincoln Mercury's

Spotlight Player

Parker set his own career high for points against Pitt State on Saturday night. Parker's 31 points helped the Bearcats come away with a 73-70 overtime win.



Kelvin Parker



'Hounds dominate on Senior Night

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team was on the hunt Tuesday night against the Cameron Dragons and won easily on Senior Night, 47-25.

"It's good, we're glad it's over," head coach Joe Drake said. "Now it's a showdown between Platte County and us for the conference championship."

Seniors Joseph Drake, Jon Reed and Eric Wilmath won their matches. Senior Derk Spire fought hard but succumbed to the Dragon's Brian McClure and was pinned in the third period of his match.

"It's weird, I've been around this place a long time, I just never thought it would come," senior Joseph Drake said. "I'm done wrestling home duals, I don't know if it's sunk in yet."

The 'Hounds started off strong in their last home dual of the year

with four pins, three of which were in under a minute, in the first five matches.

"If you lose at home, everyone knows it," Joseph Drake said. "So you get out there, get ready and try a little more. (A quick start) gets the momentum rolling and gets everyone fired up a little bit."

Four pins, a win and a forfeit gave the 'Hounds a quick 33-0 lead over the Dragons, who could not muster up a spark and were left blowing hot air.

"We think it's very important that we get off to a good start," Drake said. "By starting at 152 tonight we were stepping right into our strength and that was real important to us."

Starting with the 103-pound weight class, the 'Hounds lost four straight matches, two of which were forfeits.

Jason Tuggle, wrestling at 112 pounds, fell behind early and gave a valiant effort in the second period, but was overpowered in the

end by the Dragons' Jake Bates.

"We discuss situations and strategies for every match extensively the night before," Joe Drake said. "It's still up to the individual, but they are made well aware of the importance of every match."

The 'Hounds finished the night winning three of their last four matches ending with Skyler Vandiver winning by technical fall over Eric VerHagen.

"It's really important to know as a coach that your athletes are putting up their best performance to allow for the success that's going on," Joe Drake said.

Last Thursday the 'Hounds beat up Hamilton, winning 66-3, and placed second overall in the Plattsburg Tournament on Saturday.

The 'Hounds are back in action tonight against Platte County fighting for the MEC Championship.

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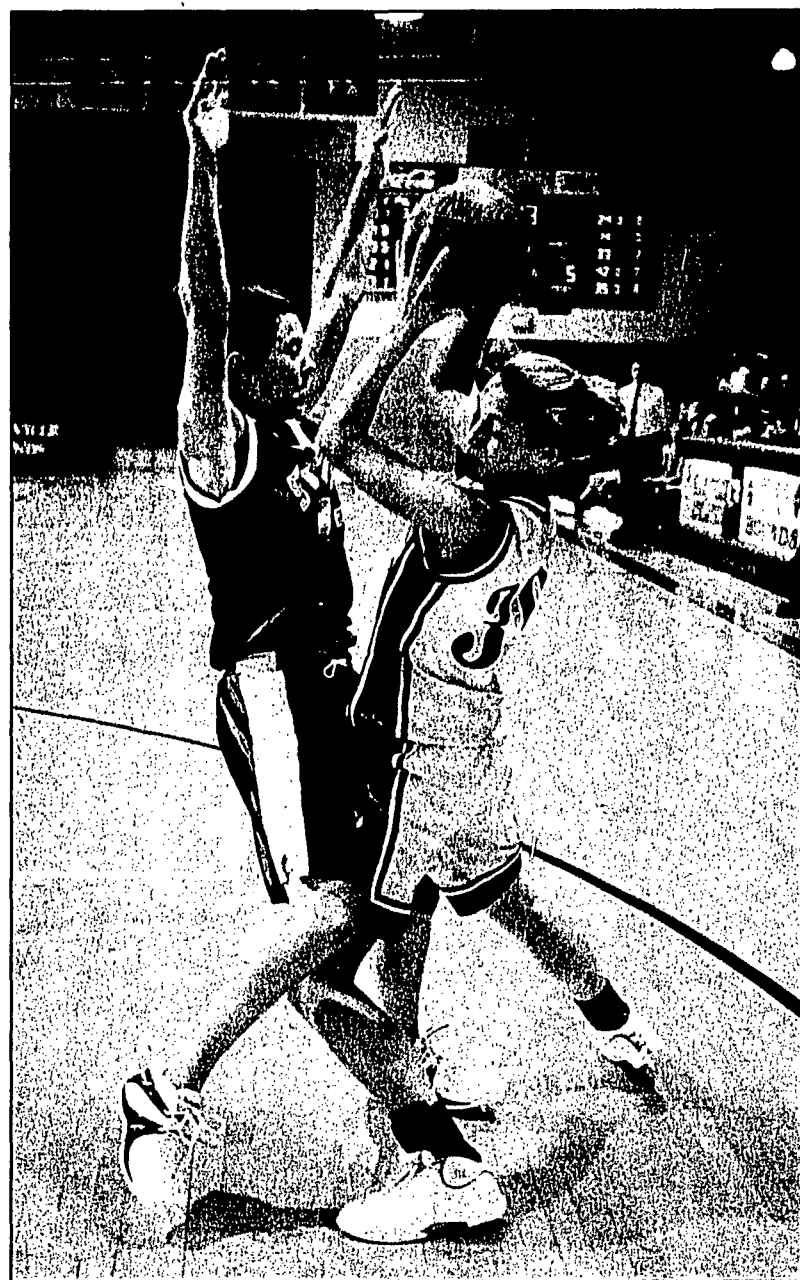


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Senior Elizabeth Baker tries to pass over a St. Pius defender Friday at Maryville. Baker scored six points in the 'Hounds 69-54 win. Maryville is back in action this week in the Bishop Miege Tournament.

Maryville picks up win over non-conference opponent

By JARED LITTLEJOHN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Defense. Defense. Defense. It's the name of the game, it wins championships and it's the Spoofhounds' specialty.

While the Maryville girls basketball team averages nearly 60 points a game, their defense has also kept up its end of the bargain.

The 'Hounds held the high scoring St. Pius X Warriors to just two first quarter points, while scoring 18 themselves.

The 'Hounds were led by their five starting seniors, and non-starting senior Kylee Smith. The game's point leader and senior Abby Walter finished with 15 overall points, while knocking down three 3-pointers.

The other four starters contributed as well with Hillary Reynolds finishing with five and Elizabeth Baker finishing with six. Cindy Austin and Ann Hogan each had seven.

At the half, the 'Hounds were up 25 points and had complete control of the game.

Junior standout Kelli Dawson came off the bench with a stellar performance.

"Kelli came in and played a really good game," head coach Randy Cook said. "She came in and extended their defense and she shot really well from the perimeter, and played great defense."

The junior standout piled up 14 points, including one 3-pointer. Dawson played well at both ends of the court while the 'Hounds won 69-54.

"I think the second half we had problems with a lot of things, and it was all upstairs," Cook said. "It had nothing to do with what they were doing. They didn't change anything, they just picked up the intensity and we didn't match it."

With the 15 point win, Maryville brought their record to 10-4, making them a force to be reckoned with in the Midland Empire Conference.

The Spoofhounds test their skills this week when they take part in the Bishop Miege Tournament in Overland Park, Kan.

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Boys get 57-33 win over Mid-Buchanan

said. "Maintaining our poise and keeping our composure in the second half was important as well."

After leading for the majority of the game, Maryville finally broke away in the fourth quarter as foul trouble proved to be too big of a problem for Hogan Prep to deal with. The Rams had three players foul out in the fourth quarter, including a technical foul by Andrae Wesson, the team's leading scorer.

Maryville took advantage of Hogan Prep's fouling ways and made their charity shots, which gave them a demanding lead. The Rams ran out of hope as the clock ticked down and the Spoofhounds walked away victorious.

"It was good to get the trophy back and show everyone we can play, and play with competition,"

junior Josh Wilmes said.

Wilmes led the team in scoring with 17 points.

"This means a lot to us, we're very excited," Kuwizki said.

"They beat us last year in this game, so we're really happy to come back and beat them this year."

Maryville continued their winning ways Tuesday night, crushing Mid Buchanan 57-33.

The 'Hounds got off to a quick start and led 15-5 at the end of the first period. Maryville led 31-14 at the half. Josh Wilmes led the team in scoring once again with 19 points. Myles Burnside scored 10 in the win and Nate Morley had nine for the 'Hounds. Wilmes and Brisbane both had two three-pointers. The 'Hounds will return to action tomorrow night at Chillicothe. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.



NCAA releases D-II Regional Rankings

The South Central Regional Rankings came out a few days ago. Several MIAA teams made the top ten. They included Washburn (#1), Northwest (#2), Emporia (#4), Missouri Southern (#7) and Central Missouri State (#10) in the men's rankings. On the women's side, Emporia (#1), Northwest (#3), Washburn (#8) and Central Missouri State (#9) all made the top ten.

Squad to host preseason clinics

Northwest baseball coach Darin Loe will hold Bearcat Baseball clinics Feb. 7 and 8. The clinic is for boys ages 13 to seniors in high school. The clinic will go from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

Cost is \$50 and each and includes a clinic t-shirt. Contact the Bearcat Baseball Office at 660-562-1352 for more information.

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Emporia State 7:30 p.m.				CMSU 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Emporia State 5:30 p.m.				CMSU 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track		Nebraska Invitational	Nebraska Invitational				
Maryville boys basketball		Chillicothe 5 p.m.				Savannah 5 p.m.	
Maryville girls basketball	Bishop Miege Tourney TBA					Benton 5 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling	Platte County 6:30 p.m.						

■ GAME TO WATCH: The Lady Bearcats and Lady Hornets go head to head Saturday at Bearcat Arena. This should be a good game as the two top teams in the MIAA faceoff. ■ Home games

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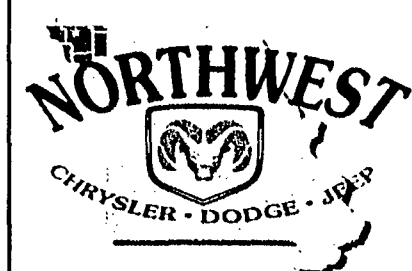
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Saturday, Jan. 31

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Monday-Friday, Feb. 2-6

► Apartment residents select their apartment.

Tower Suites, South and Franken

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 2-3

► Residents on first and second floors of South Complex and second floor of Franken can sign up for their same room.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

► Residents on third floor of South and third-seventh floors of Franken can sign up for any available room in their hall.

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6

► South Complex residents can sign up for any available room in their hall.

Monday, Feb. 9

► Any upperclass resident (sophomore through graduate student) can sign up for any available upperclass room in any upperclass hall (Tower Suites, South, Forest Village Apartments and second floor Franken). 9:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 10-12 — Freshman Signup

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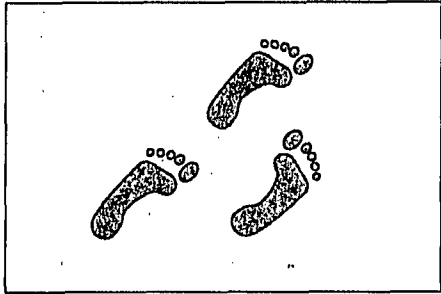
Residential Life

Oops, Britney Spears did it again

Britney Spears has a new album out. Crapstastic. I think its called *Oops! I Made Another Horrible Record*. No, I'm taking you for a ride. The Jive Records release is called *In the Zone* and I have to tell you, after sampling some of the tracks I was immediately "in the zone."

Only my zone was a nightmarish hellscape of crappiness. Though I have been known to visibly cringe upon hearing the sonic vomit spewed forth from a Britney Spears album, you could call it a Pavlovian response to the recent deluge of horrendous music that has dominated the pop scene in general. I am sure the album will sell well, however. The anthem of tomorrow for prepubescent girls everywhere, and the bane of karaoke bars across the nation. The title track will be forever immortalized in the annals of music history with a spot on *Now That's What I Call Feces Vol. 46*.

After her last mistake, Britney took a two-year hiatus from the studio to pursue a career in film, which resulted in the blockbuster smash "Crossroads." I do not even know how I ended up seeing this cliché-infested sack of tripe. I was looking for a Ralph Macchio film. Unfortunately, it is difficult for me to find words



THE STROLLER

to describe my contempt for the travesty that is "Crossroads." Brendan Frasier movies are better than this.

Anyway, it is really a shame that Britney was not spending more time developing her musical chops, although she did manage to "co-write" seven of the thirteen tracks on her new album. It is interesting when almost half of the tracks on an album either feature other artists or are remixes. *In the Zone* showcases Britney and Madonna as they team up together on a song titled "Me Against the Music." A nauseating, repulsive rhapsody that begs the question: How much more ridiculous can Madonna get? She failed to accompany Britney during her performance of "Me

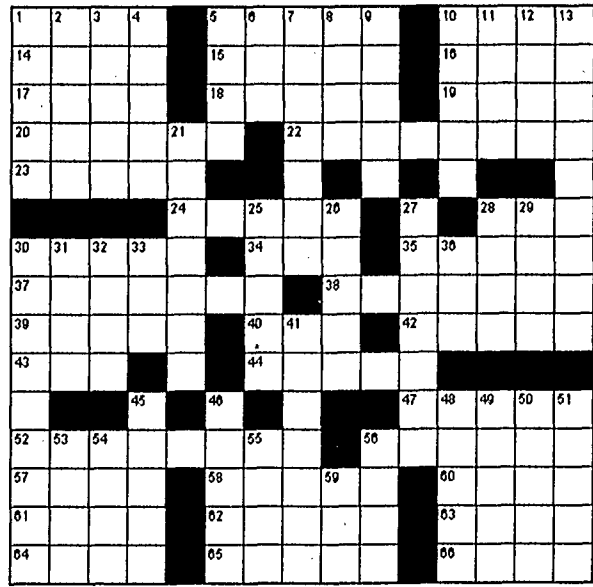
Against the Music" on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, which was asinine at best. The show was a convulsive mess, with the footwork of a retarded sasquatch in stiletto heels. Oh yeah, and the headset wasn't fooling anyone.

Why couldn't Britney have followed suit with the rest of her colleagues? Enlisted in the ranks of the TRL crew as a troglodyte VJ like Mandy Moore, or maybe a reality show like Jessica Simpson has with her douche bag husband, anything to keep her from making more records.

Yes, Britney certainly has managed to carve out a niche for herself in pop culture with her southern hospitality, fake jugs, nuptial fiasco and erroneous claims of chastity. But we college students pay no attention to this unamusing display of tomfoolery. It is the music we're talking about here. We certainly do not entertain ourselves by indulging some sad sense of intrigue into the lives of our most illustrious celebrities, for we are beyond the need to satiate ourselves with the sensationalist antics of our nation's elite. (Sigh)

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Thrust with a knife
- 5. Churches
- 10. Charts
- 14. Unit of distance
- 15. Satirical dialogue
- 16. Acknowledge
- 17. Arabian ruler
- 18. Yellowish citrus fruit
- 19. New Mexico river
- 20. Uncover
- 22. NE Kansas city
- 23. Something special
- 24. Ruin

- 28. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 30. Master of ceremonies
- 34. Female reproductive cell
- 35. Deliver an oration
- 37. One of the archangels
- 38. Meeting records
- 39. Signs
- 40. Bind
- 42. Maladroit
- 43. Sailor
- 44. Muzzle
- 47. Follows orders
- 52. Capable of being scaled
- 56. Polish city

- 57. Large marine food fish
- 58. Tree
- 60. Protuberance
- 61. Large wading bird
- 62. Boredom
- 63. Exultation
- 64. Money
- 65. Gave a measured amount
- 66. River sediment

DOWN

- 1. Stylish
- 2. Device to assess time taken
- 3. Living
- 4. Ohio city
- 5. Slay
- 6. Wrath

- 7. Imperial dynasty of Russia
- 8. Gnarl
- 9. Synchronization
- 10. Sleight of hand
- 11. Female name
- 12. Game played on horseback
- 13. Most upmarket
- 21. Belief that there is no God
- 25. Electrical units
- 26. Carved gemstone
- 27. Warning device
- 28. Crown of the head
- 29. Pace
- 30. Vain
- 31. Mother
- 32. Citizens' Band enthusiast
- 33. European sea eagle
- 36. Flee
- 41. Doctors
- 45. Sudden burst of light
- 46. Grew less
- 48. Reports
- 49. Species of bacteria in the large intestine
- 50. Warble
- 51. Fragrant
- 53. Republic in the Caribbean
- 54. Variety of anisette
- 55. Linoleum (Abbrev)
- 56. Scolded
- 59. Stimulus

on the edge
Presidential election facts:
■ Because of the political contribution habits of the two soft drink companies, Democratic administrations traditionally serve Coke and Republicans serve Pepsi.
■ In the 1820 election, James Monroe received all but one vote from the Electoral College.
■ Eleanor Roosevelt was the first First Lady to vote in a presidential election. It is presumed that she voted for her husband, Franklin, who was on the ballot in 1920 for U.S. vice president.
■ In the 1992 U.S. presidential election, all three major candidates were left-handed: Ross Perot, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

See answers below

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Beaumont Club

Jan. 24 Three Dog Night
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Kemper Arena

Jan. 26 Simple Plan/MxPx
Beaumont Club

Des Moines

Jan. 27 Wolfpac
Hairy Mary's

Jan. 23 "Dragon Tales Live"
Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Feb. 7 Chris Beard
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Feb. 21 Sting
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Omaha

Jan. 22 Randy McAllister
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Jan. 25 Lee Rocker
Murphy's Lounge

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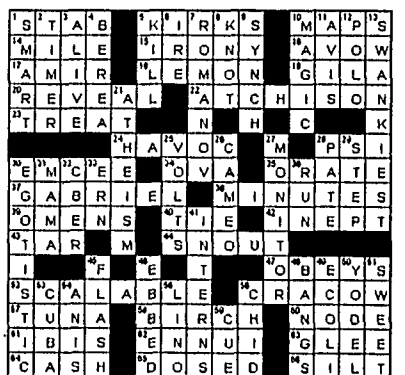
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